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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DAMRATH ET AL.

Examiner

James G Smith

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 12, 13, 16-18 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-11, 14, 15, 19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 12, 13, 16-18, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Paris (2,417,838). With respect to Claims 12, 16-18 and 21, the device disclosed by Paris comprises a pressing dummy that is an inflatable bag with sub-regions (left and right arm portions) extending into a garment sleeve opening to simulate the arm of a wearer. The arm portions extend through the cuff portion of the garment sleeve being treated and have vent holes (65), which serve as air-deflecting devices, at their ends. The vent holes (65) enable the operator to tell when the garment is being effectively steamed throughout. Clamps (66) compress the vent holes (65) allowing the end of the sleeve portion to expand. With respect to Claims 13 and 18, the air-deflecting devices disclosed by Paris are vent holes, which air passes through. With respect to Claim 1, the device disclosed by Paris has all the structural features of the instant invention and is structurally adapted to carry out the method steps recited in Claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-11, 14, 15, 19, and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 2-11 all require the air-deflecting device to direct airflow from the inflatable bag over a surface of the garment being treated, which is not taught by Paris. Claims 14 and 19 require the air-deflecting devices to be constructed of an air-permeable material. Claims 15 and 20 require the pressing dummy to be an inflatable bag of air-impermeable material in combination with an air-deflecting at the end of a sub-region of the bag.

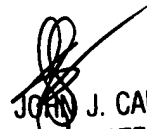
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James G Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-4994. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00, off every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J Calvert can be reached on 571-272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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